

To the members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2644 without my signature.

Improving the quality of our air is a priority of my administration. Through the budget and other legislative efforts we have committed millions of dollars towards clean air programs that are assured to make significant improvements in air quality, including upgrading our aging school bus fleet to new cleaner burning less polluting busses.

However, AB 2644 is duplicative of existing state regulations for idling school buses and is unnecessary. This bill will limit the California Air Resources Board's discretionary authority to modify the program. Future refinements, such as changes to reporting and training provisions and other substantive and nonsubstantive amendments would need to go thorough the legislative process and be approved by the Governor. This is an unnecessary level of micro-management that the states regulatory system is designed to address.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger